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SUBJ: FURTHER SAUDI PRESS COMMENT ON F-15 SALE

1. SAUDI PRESS OF MAY 14 GIVES PROMINENT COVERAGE TO PROGRESS OF F-15 SALE WITH BANNER HEADLINE IN AL-BILAD REPORTING FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD AL-FAISAL'S STATEMENTS IN U.N.S. THAT "WE WILL NOT ACCEPT A CONDITIONAL SALE." EDITORIAL ON FRONT PAGE OF SAME PAPER SAYS THAT MOST AMERICAN OFFICIALS AND ORDINARY CITIZENS ARE ANXIOUS FOR CONTINUATION OF GOOD U.S. SAUDI RELATIONS AND THE AMERICANS KNOWN THAT SAUDI ARABIA NEVER HAD AND NEVER WILL HAVE AN AGGRESSIVE MILITARY POLICY.

2. AFTER NOTING THAT SAUDI ARABIA WILL NOT BEG THE AMERICAN CONGRESS FOR ANYTHING, EDITORIAL CITES STATEMENT OF PRINCES ABDULLAH THAT KINGDOM IS ANXIOUS FOR THIS SALE TO BE A REMINDER THAT OUR FIRENDS ARE NOT ABADONING US. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES, "THE REJECTION OR APPROVAL OF THIS DEAL BY CONGRESS, IF FIRST AND LAST, SOMETHING THAT TOUCHES THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THEIR CAPABILITIES, WHICH HAVE BEEN DRAINED BY THEIR SUPPORT OF THE NEW NAZIISM IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ZIONIST REGION. WE INVITE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND OFFICIALS NOW TO LOOK WHERE THEIR INTERESTS ARE AND WHERE THE RIGHT IS BEFORE TAKING ANY DECISION ON OUR REQUEST."

3. COMMENTARY IN MAY 14 AL-MADINAH BY MOHAMMAD SALAH AL-DIN ENTITLED "THE REAL ISSUE" NOTES THAT VOTE IN SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE PROVES THAT INCREASING

NUMBER OF AMERICANS ARE BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND IMPORTANCE  
OF THEIR OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS AND TO SEPARATE THEM FROM  
INTERESTS OF OTHERS. THE EDITORIAL NOTES, "THE ISSUE IS  
NOT ARAB SECURITY, BECAUSE INTERNATIONAL ARMS MARKET  
IS OPEN. RATHER THE ISSUE IS AMERICAN SECURITY AND INTER-  
ESTS FIRST AND LAST, AND WHETHER THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE  
ELECTED AND ENTRUSTED THEIR SECURITY TO PERSONS WHO PUT  
THEIR PERSONAL AND SELFISH INTERESTS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT  
THAT SECURITY. AND THE ISSUE IS WHETHER THE AMERICANS HAVE  
ENOUGH COURAGE TO KEEP THEIR COUNTRY INDEPENDENT AND ABLE  
TO MAKE DECISIONS FREE OF OUTSIDE PRESSURES."  
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